

# I-469 at U.S. 24 Interchange Modification

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

# Welcome

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- Rickie Clark, INDOT Office of Public Involvement
- Purpose/explanation of public hearing
- Public hearing format
- Visit our sign-in table
- Informational handouts
- Submitting comments for public record/hearings transcript
- Project display area – informal open house session



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- **Introduction of INDOT Project Team**

- Project Management
- Public Involvement
- Fort Wayne District – INDOT Regional Office
- Environmental Services
- Real Estate

- HNTB Corporation

- Engineering, Design & Environmental Analysis Team

- **Recognition of elected and local public officials**

- Sign-in at attendance table to be added to project mailing list
- A public hearing notice was mailed to known property owners within project area
- Announcement of this hearing was posted to INDOT website. A media release was also issued
- A copy of presentation and project documentation is available on-line via INDOT website
- **Legal notice publishing:**
  - Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
  - April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>

# Project Stakeholders

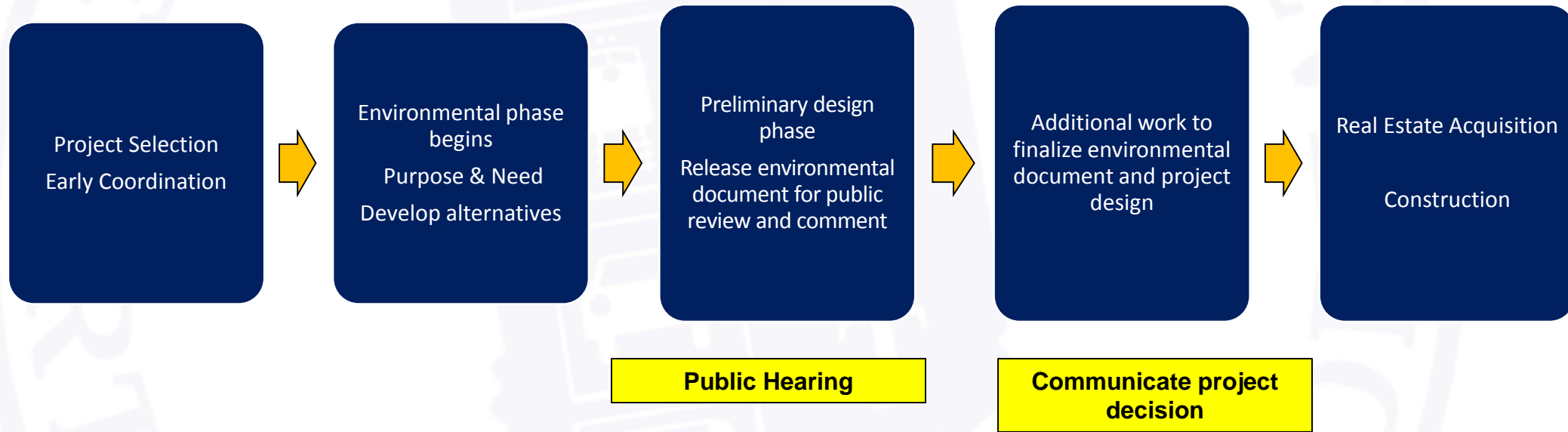
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- Indiana Department of Transportation
- Indiana Division Federal Highway Administration
- Allen County
- Cities of Fort Wayne and New Haven
- Elected & Local officials
- Residents and citizens
- Commuters
- Businesses
- Emergency services
- Schools
- Churches
- Community Organizations





# Project Development



# Environmental Document

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## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- Requires INDOT to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a proposed project to the natural and socio-economic environments
- NEPA is a decision-making process
  - Purpose and Need
  - Alternatives Screening
  - Identify a Preferred Alternative
- **Impacts are analyzed, evaluated and described in an environmental document**
  - What are the impacts this project might have on the community?
  - How can impacts be avoided?
  - Can impacts be minimized?
  - Mitigation for impacts?
- **Environmental documentation released for public involvement**
  - Solicit public input/engage project stakeholders during development of proposed a project and/or consideration of a proposed action
  - Released for public involvement April 2017
  - Is available for review via several public repositories

# Environmental Analysis

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- Right-of-way
- Streams, Wetlands, and Other Waters
- Floodplains
- Endangered Species
- Farmland
- Cultural Resources  
(Historic/Archaeological)
- Parks and Recreational Lands (Trails)
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Community Impacts
- Environmental Justice
- Hazardous Materials
- Permits
- Mitigation
- Public Involvement
- Commercial Development

# Project Resource Locations

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- **INDOT Fort Wayne District Office**

5333 Hatfield Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

- Toll Free 1-866-227-3555
- [Neinformation@indot.in.gov](mailto:Neinformation@indot.in.gov)
- <http://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm>
- Planning, Project Development/Delivery, Construction, Maintenance for Northeast Indiana

- **Allen County Public Library** – 648 Green Street, New Haven, IN 46774; Phone (260) 421-1345

- **INDOT Office of Public Involvement**

100 North Senate Avenue, Room N642, Indianapolis, IN 46204; Phone (317) 232-6601

[rclark@indot.in.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.in.gov)



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- **Purpose**

- Improve overall safety of the interchange
- Upgrade existing facility to a full and free flowing interchange as recommended by INDOT in 2002 during Fort to Port environmental process
- Enhance regional transportation network

- **Need**

- Delay and queuing at the interchange
- Reduce number of crashes at the interchange
- Commitment was made to upgrade interchange and provide a free flowing connection between I-469 and U.S. 24

- **Following a screening process and resource agency coordination, 5 interchange configurations are under consideration**

- These 5 interchange configurations are improvement to the Preferred Alternative selected in the FEIS.
- Alternative 4a identified as the best improvement.
- Alternative 4a will be completed in two phases.



# Existing Interchange

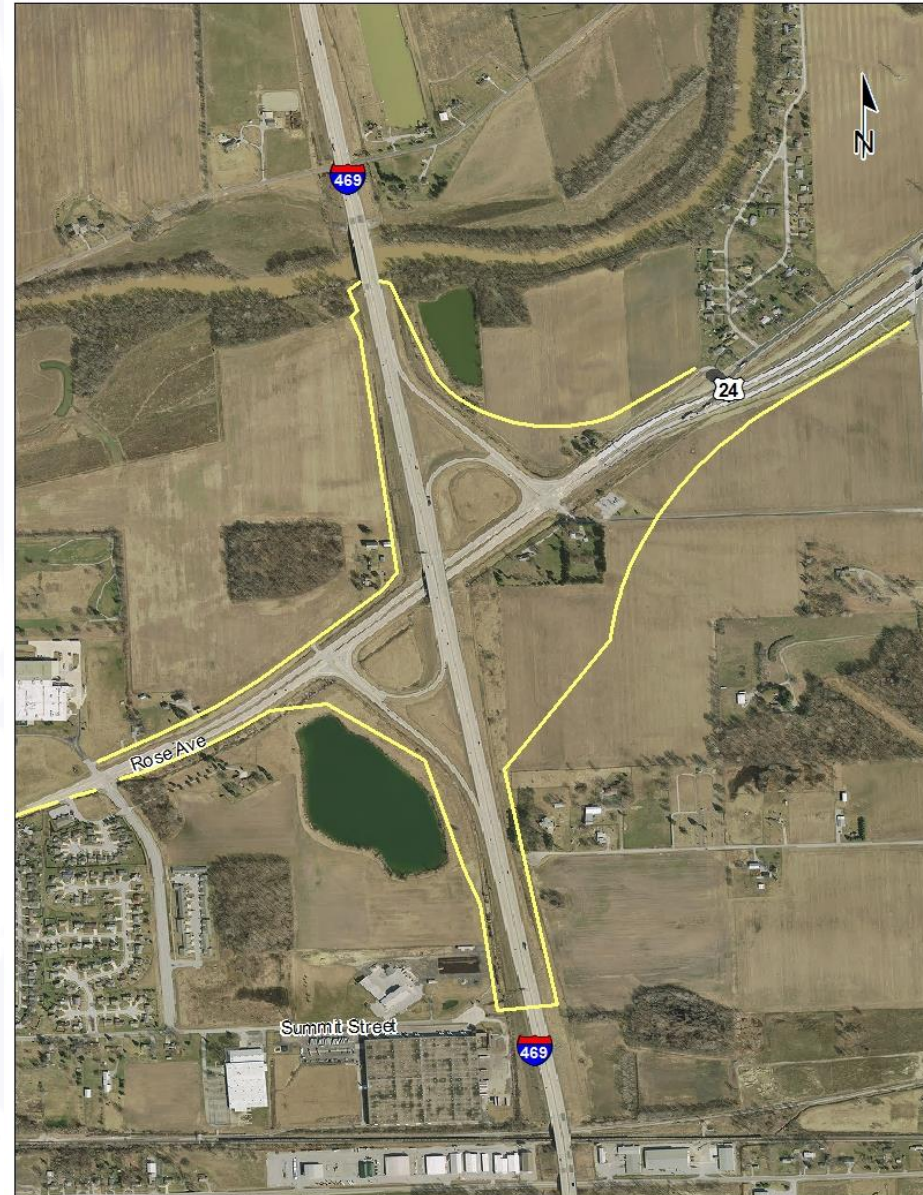
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- I-469 at U.S. 24 interchange constructed in 1992
- Interchange serves a portion of eastern Allen County as point of entry into interstate system
- Approximately 40,000 vehicles per day use this interchange
- Existing interchange has a partial cloverleaf configuration with loop ramps in the northeast and southwest quadrants





# Existing Interchange



# Alt. 1-Fort To Port Flyover (Alt. 13 Modified)

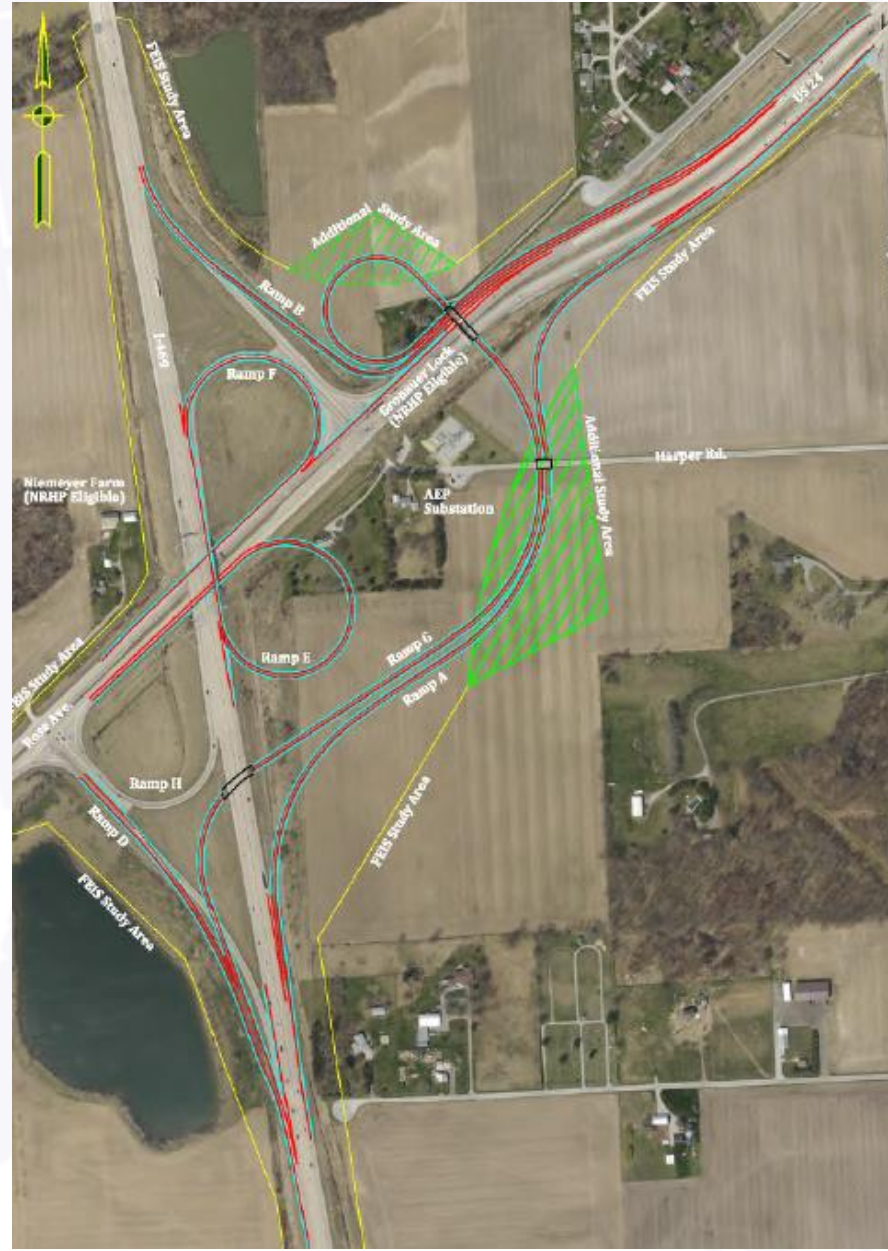




## Alt. 2- Partial Cloverleaf with Flyover Ramp East of Substation



## Alt. 3- Partial Cloverleaf with Trumpet Ramp East of Substation





## Alt. 4a (Preferred)- Partial Cloverleaf with Flyover Ramp West of Substation and over I-469



## Alt. 4b-Partial Cloverleaf with Flyover Ramp West of Substation and under I-469





# Alt. 4a (Phase I)-Partial Cloverleaf



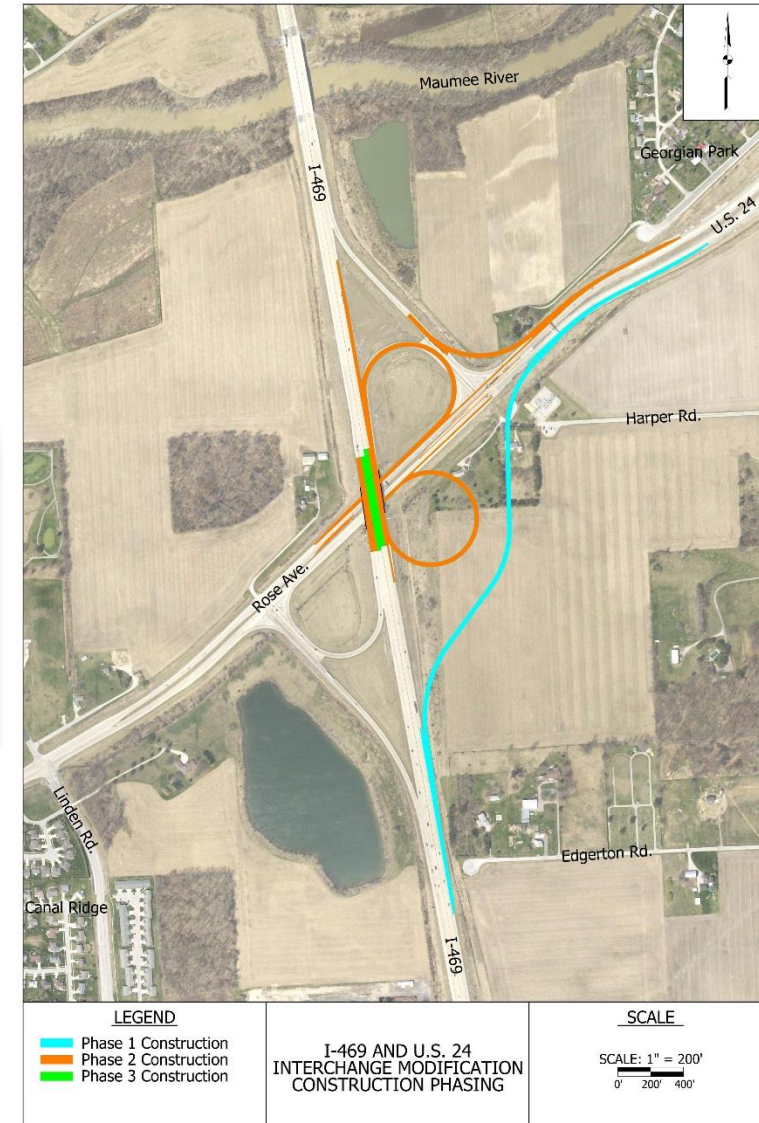
# Maintenance of Traffic

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- Maintenance of Traffic to be divided into 3 phases
- Phase I
  - Construct new ramp for northbound I-469 to eastbound U.S. 24
- Phase II
  - Reconstruct the three existing interchange ramps, U.S. 24 westbound to I-469 northbound, the I-469 southbound to U.S. 24 westbound, and the I-469 northbound to U.S. 24 westbound
  - Rehabilitation of the I-469 over U.S. 24 bridge begins
- Phase III
  - Continue I-469 over U.S. 24 bridge rehabilitation
- During construction
  - Traffic to be shifted between I-469 northbound and southbound lanes to accommodate 2 lanes of traffic on I-469
  - Traffic to be shifted on U.S. 24 to accommodate construction of the I-469 southbound to U.S. 24 westbound and the I-469 northbound to U.S. 24 westbound ramps

# Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 1

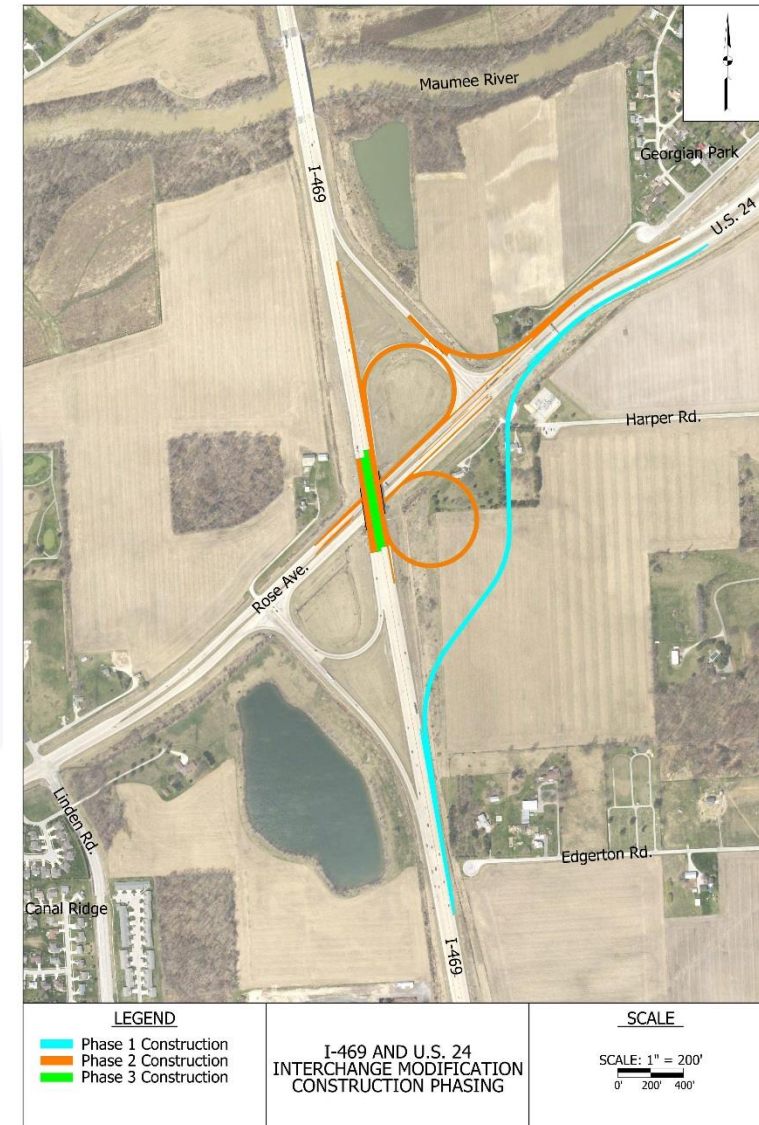
- Phase 1 (Blue on graphic)
  - Construct new I-469 NB to U.S. 24 EB Ramp
  - Full Intersection to remain open





# Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 2

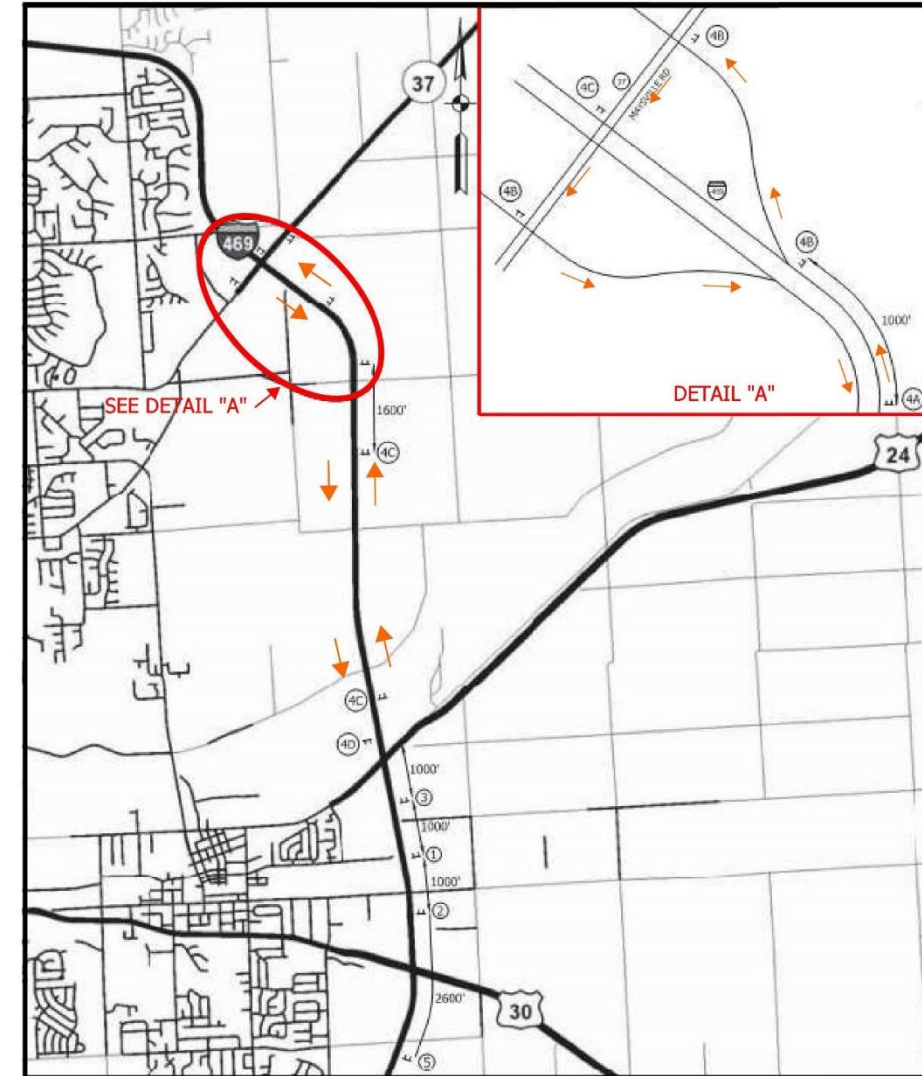
- Phase 2 (Orange on graphic)
  - Open newly constructed I-469 NB to U.S. 24 EB ramp
  - Detour I-469 NB to Rose Avenue
  - Construct new loop ramps for:
    - I-469 NB to Rose Avenue
    - U.S. 24 EB to I-469 NB
    - Rehab outside halves of bridge over U.S. 24
- Construct U.S. 24 WB to I-469 NB ramp
  - U.S. 24 movement to I-469 NB to remain open during construction





# Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 2 Detour

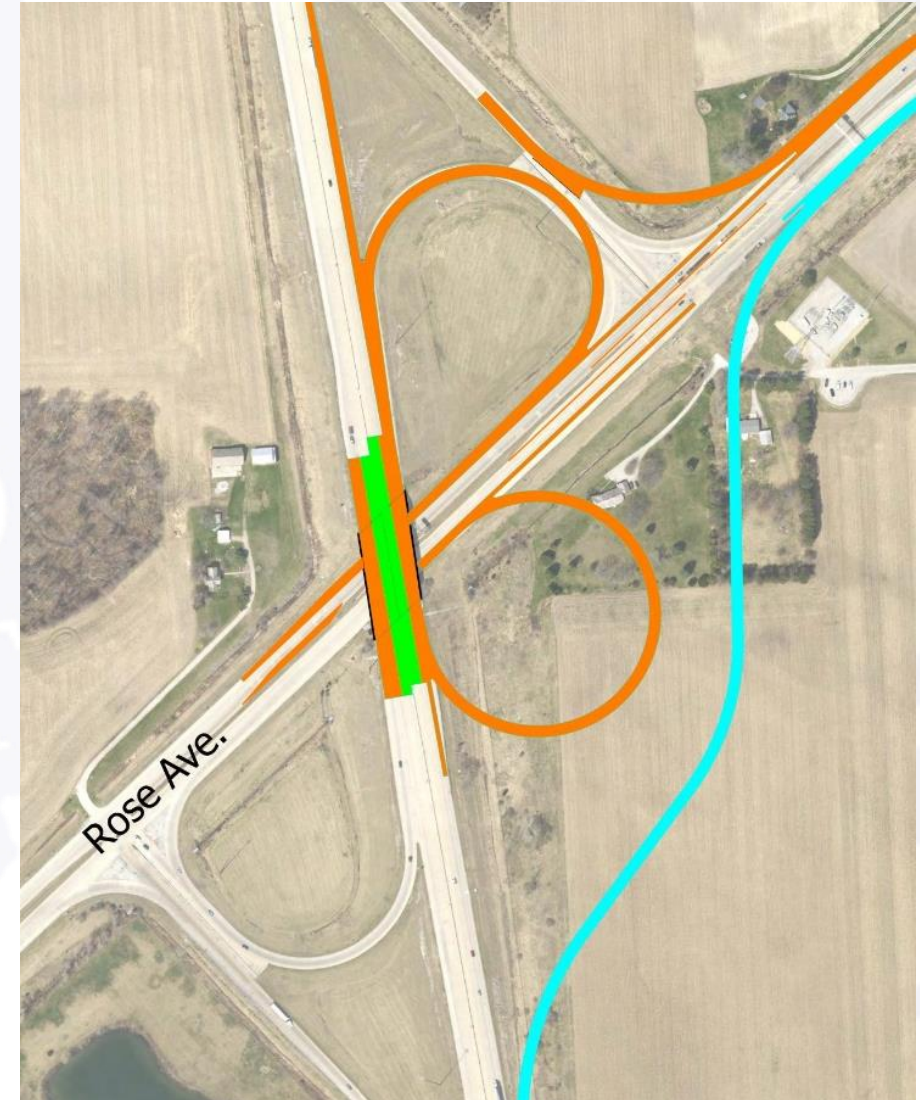
- I-469 NB to Rose Avenue Detour
  - I-469 NB traffic to S.R. 37 Interchange
  - S.R. 37 West
  - I-469 SB to Rose Avenue



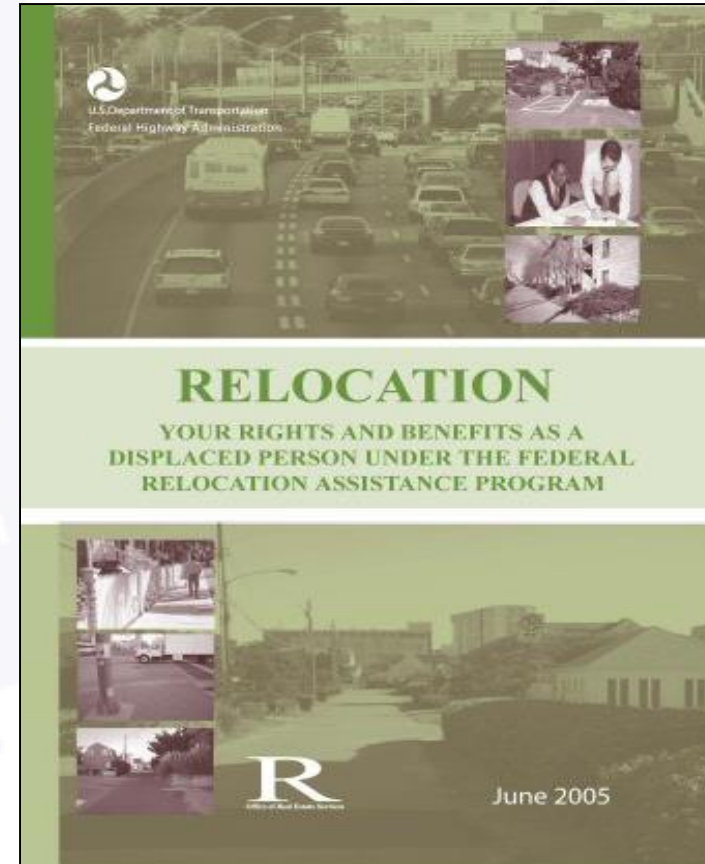
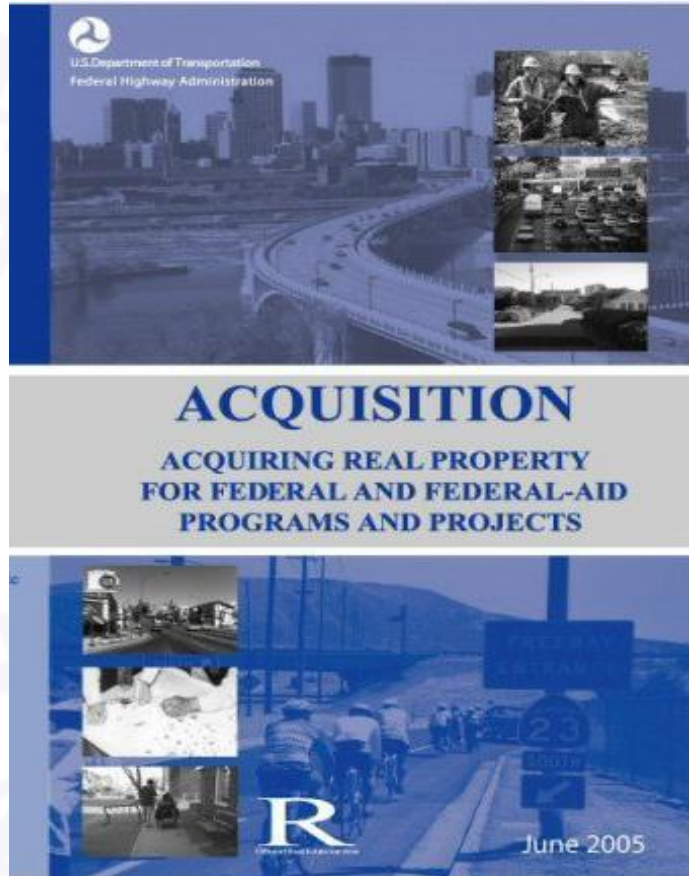
I-469 AND U.S. 24  
INTERCHANGE MODIFICATION  
CONSTRUCTION DETOUR

# Maintenance of Traffic – Phase 3

- Phase 3 (Green on graphic)
  - Newly constructed loops for I-469 NB to Rose Avenue and U.S. 24 EB to I-469 NB to be open to traffic.
  - Rehab inside/median portion of I-469 bridge over U.S. 24.



# Real Estate





# Real Estate Acquisition Process

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- **"Uniform Act of 1970"**
  - All federal, state and local governments must comply
  - Requires an offer for just compensation
- **Acquisition Process**
  - Appraisals
  - Review Appraisals
  - Negotiations
- **INDOT Real Estate Team to work with impacted property owners**
- **Right-of-way**
  - Permanent ROW: 29 acres
    - Permanent ROW is land, once purchased by INDOT from legal land owner, becomes land owned by INDOT
  - Temporary ROW:
    - Temporary ROW is land required during the construction of a project and is used for the purposes of construction related activity
    - INDOT pays legal land owner a fee for land use during construction
  - Relocation:
    - Proposal includes 3 residential relocations
      - 2 in the southeast quadrant
      - 1 in the northeast quadrant

# Project Schedule

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- Public Hearing: 5/10/17
- Public comments requested by COB 5/26/17
- INDOT review and consideration of public comments – 2017
  - Finalize environmental documentation
  - Final design
  - Communication project decision
- Real estate acquisition – 2018
- Construction: 2019



# Submit Public Comments

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- Submit public comments using the options described on first page of information packet:
  - Public Comment Form
  - Via e-mail
  - Participating during public comment session via microphone
  - Verbal comments recorded and transcribed for inclusion into public hearings transcript
- **INDOT respectfully request comments be submitted by Friday, May 26, 2017**
- All comments submitted will become part of public record, entered into transcript, reviewed, evaluated and given consideration during decision making process.

# Next Steps

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- **Public and project stakeholder input**
  - Submit comments via options described on page 1 of information packet
- **INDOT review and evaluation**
  - All comments are given full consideration during decision-making process
  - Address comments, finalize/approve environmental document, complete project design
- **Communicate a decision**
  - INDOT will notify project stakeholders of decision
  - Work through local media, social media outlets; paid legal notice
  - Make project documentation accessible via repositories
- **Questions? Contact Public Involvement Team**
  - Fort Wayne District Office
    - 1-866-227-3555 [Neinformation@indot.in.gov](mailto:Neinformation@indot.in.gov)
  - Office of Public Involvement
    - 317-232-6601 [rclark@indot.in.gov](mailto:rclark@indot.in.gov)



# Thank You

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- Please visit with INDOT project officials following the public comment session
- **Project Open House**
  - Project maps, displays, real estate acquisition table, INDOT project team and informal Q & A
  - INDOT Fort Wayne District page <http://www.in.gov/indot/2703.htm>
  - [Neinformation@indot.in.gov](mailto:Neinformation@indot.in.gov)

